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1. Source states that on 19 February 1949 he heard two Soviet couriers talking with Archak Sarkissian, a staff member of the Soviet Legation in Beirut, about Tapline. One of the couriers asked Sarkissian if he thought that the Tapline project would go through; Sarkissian answered that he thought there was such a possibility. Source states that the courier then remarked, "Even if it is constructed, it will be blown up about once a week, as you all know."**
2. Informant told source early in March 1949 that two known Communists, As'ad Hasan Jamal-al-Din and Munir Muhyi-al-Din Jum'ah, as well as a suspected Communist, Hamdi 'Abdullah Yahya, had applied for jobs with Tapline, but were not taken on. Informant states that Jamal-al-Din is a Communist organizer from Tripoli, Lebanon, and that Jum'ah, a mechanic, operates a garage in Beirut. He was formerly employed by the Middle East Air Lines, which discharged him as a troublemaker and agitator who tried to induce other workers to "slow down," informant states.

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